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U.S. Panel to Study N.J. Brutality Claims

PATERSON, N.J., Nov. 18 (UPI)—A Federal grand jury will begin an investigation Wednesday into alleged police brutality during week-long racial disturbances last July.

The Federal inquiry is an outgrowth of an FBI investigation.

A Passaic County grand jury has been hearing testimony from witnesses on alleged incidents of brutality, but has returned no indictments.

Civil rights groups said that police broke windows of Negro-owned stores, beat Negroes at random and threw tear-gas bombs through the windows of the Passaic County Southern Christian Leadership Conference headquarters.

Police have denied the charges against them, but the County grand jury released a presentment more than two weeks ago claiming there was "irrefutable evidence" that the charges are true.